



Federal Communications Commission  
12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 4, 2011

**RE: Proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile**

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners,

Batesburg-Leesville is a town of friendly neighbors, clean air, safe streets, community schools, near a lake and only two hours from mountains or beaches. But in today's information-based, global economy, all that's not enough; advanced communications services are essential.

Broadband technology is a key to the future for communities such as ours. We are increasingly seeing many of our citizens embracing smartphones and online commerce. I t is what the future looks like and it is why we endorse the proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile.

Batesburg-Leesville is one of the communities which would benefit from AT&T's pledge to deploy more 4GLTE wireless broadband. So not only would our residents and businesses benefit from an upgraded, improved voice network, but they would also be able to access state-of-the-art communications.

High-speed Internet will put us on an equal footing with larger cities across the state, and region, for economic recruitment and jobs. Information-based companies can offer the quality of life their employees want, while also staying connected to customers in New York or Tokyo. Telemedicine will open the door for improved medical care. Distance learning will create new opportunities for students, who will not need to leave their hometown in search of careers in the technology fields of tomorrow. And that is just what we know now – new technology leads to innovations and even more opportunity. Why should those opportunities not be here in Batesburg-Leesville?

AT&T's commitment to invest an additional \$8 Billion in expanding the wireless broadband network should be applauded. It will have a lasting and beneficial impact on our community and many others across South Carolina. This proposed merger is good for our citizens. We urge you to approve it,

Sincerely,

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Mayor Jim Wiszowaty  
Twn of Batesburg-Leesville  
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David Williams, Chairman of the Board  
Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's

cc: Senator Lindsay Graham  
Senator Jim DeMint  
Congressman Joe Wilson